



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Board Members:

Dawn Y. Baxton, Chairwoman
David K. Boone, Member
James P. Weaver, Member
Pamela A. Oxendine, Member
Donald H. Beskind, Member

Board Members Present: Chairwoman Dawn Y. Baxton, Member James P. Weaver, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member Donald H. Beskind, and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Systems Specialist Julius Richards, and Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

Guests in Attendance: Senior Assistant County Attorney Bettyna Abney

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. at the Durham County Board of Elections Warehouse (2445 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

No public comments were provided.

New Business

- **Review of Absentee-By-Mail Ballots**

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 880 One-Stop, 25 Civilian, 1 Civilian Accepted-Cured, and 7 Military/Overseas duplicated absentee ballots and applications for approval. Following discussion and physical review, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. Mr. Beskind also moved to allow staff to open and scan all approved absentee ballots as preparatory steps prior to the count on Election Day in accordance with NCGS 163-234 (2) and (3). The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Civilian Pending Cure Absentee ballot with a Photo ID Issue. A motion was not required. The total approved count for the September 26, 2023, meeting was 913.

General Discussion

- Early voting is going well with no major issues.
- Federal Subpoena from the U.S. District Court for the Western District Court of North Carolina on Behalf of Jerry Green and Linda Petrou v. Karen Brinson Bell.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Beskind. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary